

**Former High Objective Uniform State Standard of Evaluation or HOUSSE Rubric  
Clarification  
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Teachers who earned 100 points on the “old HOUSSE” rubric (grid located at the bottom of the “old HOUSSE”) are highly qualified and do NOT need to complete the new 2006 HOUSSE rubric (unless their teaching assignment has changed).

Teachers who answered “yes” to the licensure questions located above the “old HOUSSE” rubric and did not complete the rubric are not highly qualified. Answering “yes” to the licensure questions on the “old HOUSSE” indicates which license the teacher holds and does not indicate which highly qualified requirement the teacher completed. Licensure alone does not make a teacher highly qualified. Licensure and completing one of the highly qualified requirements per *No Child Left Behind* makes a teacher highly qualified. The United States Education Department’s federal representatives charged with monitoring the implementation of the highly qualified mandate want to know which highly qualified requirement the licensed teacher completed. Teachers are highly qualified only if they have met the following *No Child Left Behind* requirements listed below:

Please note: The highly qualified requirements are different for new teachers (teachers who have taught with a valid teaching license for less than one year); veteran teachers (teachers who have taught with a valid teaching license for one or more years); elementary teachers; middle and secondary school teachers.

Please note: Special education teachers who are the primary instructors of the core academic elementary subjects OR the core academic subjects (middle and secondary school level) must meet the same highly qualified requirements as general education teachers (listed below).

**To be highly qualified, Veteran Elementary School Teachers must** hold a valid Indiana teaching license appropriate for elementary school grades, **AND COMPLETED ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:**

- Passed the PRAXIS II (#10011) licensing exam entitled Elementary Education: Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment; OR
- Passed the National Teacher Exam (NTE) (code number 20010) Specialty test called “Education in the Elementary School”; OR
- Earned 100 points on the HOUSSE rubric.

**To be highly qualified, New Elementary School Teachers must** hold a valid Indiana teaching license appropriate for elementary school grades, **AND PASSED THE REQUIRED PRAXIS II (#10011) LICENSING EXAM ENTITLED Elementary Education: Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment.**

**To be highly qualified, Veteran Junior High/Middle and Secondary School Teachers must** hold a valid Indiana teaching license appropriate for the school setting, **AND COMPLETED ONE of the following FOR EACH CORE ACADEMIC (CAS) subject the teacher teaches:**

- Passed the PRAXIS II exam in the CAS; OR

- Passed the NTE specialty exam in the CAS; OR
- Earned a bachelor's degree or completed 24 college credit hours in the CAS; OR
- Earned a master's degree in the CAS they teach; OR
- Completed the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) certification in the CAS; OR
- Earned 100 points on the HOUSSE rubric.

**To be highly qualified, New Junior High/Middle or Secondary School Teachers**  
**must** hold a valid Indiana teaching license appropriate for the elementary school setting,  
**AND COMPLETED ONE of the following FOR EACH CORE ACADEMIC SUBJECT**  
**(CAS) the teacher teaches:**

- Passed the required PRAXIS II licensing exam in the CAS; OR
- Earned a bachelor's degree or completed 24 credit hours in the CAS; OR
- Earned a master's degree in the CAS.

For more information on the highly qualified requirements, please see the Highly Qualified Teacher (HQT) Web site: <http://www.doe.state.in.us/hqt/welcome.html>

The following PowerPoint presentation may prove helpful in understanding the highly qualified requirements (this document can also be found on the HQT Web site under "Highly Qualified Presentations"):

<http://www.doe.state.in.us/hqt/docs/NewAlbanyHQPresentationMay4.pdf>

For more information about which licensed special education teachers are required to be highly qualified and which are not required, please see the "Highly Qualified Requirements for Indiana Teachers" document, and turn to page 4:

<http://www.doe.state.in.us/hqt/docs/InHQTdefinitionsMar24.pdf>